

(One trillion, two hundred nineteen billion, nine hundred thirty-four million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,309,475,747,928.18 (Four trillion, three hundred nine billion, four hundred seventy-five million, seven hundred forty-seven thousand, nine hundred twenty-eight dollars and eighteen cents) during the past 15 years.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:55 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 203(b)(1) of Public Law 105-134, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Amtrak Reform Council for a term of five years: Mrs. Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey, Mr. Bruce Chapman of Washington, and Mr. Christopher Gleason of Pennsylvania.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 856. An act to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico.

At 3:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2369. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3130. An act to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate interjurisdictional adoption requirements, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make certain aliens determined to be delinquent in the payment of child support inadmissible and ineligible for naturalization, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the resolution (H. Res. 379) that the bill of the Senate (S. 104) to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, in the opinion of this House, contravenes the first clause of the seventh section of the first article of the Constitution of the United States and is an infringement of the privileges of this House and that such bill be respectfully returned to the Senate with a message communicating this resolution.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 856. An act to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2369. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clar-

ify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3130. An act to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate interjurisdictional adoption requirements, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make certain aliens determined to be delinquent in the payment of child support inadmissible and ineligible for naturalization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 171. A resolution designating March 25, 1998, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy."

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1379. A bill to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code, and the National Security Act of 1947 to require disclosure under the Freedom of Information act regarding certain persons, disclose Nazi war criminal records without impairing any investigation or prosecution conducted by the Department of Justice or certain intelligence matters, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Hilda G. Tagle, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, vice a new position created by Public Law 101-650, approved December 1, 1990.

Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Susan Graber, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Sam A. Lindsay, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, vice a new position created by Public Law 101-650, approved December 1, 1990.

Judith M. Barzilay, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Delissa A. Ridgway, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Brian Scott Roy, of Kentucky, to be United States Marshall for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. GRAMS, and Mr. ASHCROFT):

S. 1711. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty tax, to increase the income levels for the 15 and 28 percent tax brackets, to provide a 1-year holding period for long-term capital gains, to index capital assets for inflation, to reduce the highest estate tax rate to 28 percent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1712. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act and part 7 of subtitle B of title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve the quality of health plans and provide protections for consumers enrolled in such plans; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon:

S. 1713. A bill to amend section 1926 of the Public Health Service Act to encourage States to strengthen their efforts to prevent the sale and distribution of tobacco products to individuals under the age of 18 and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. HOLLINGS:

S. 1714. A bill to suspend through December 31, 1999, the duty on certain textile machinery; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 1715. A bill to coordinate the Federal Government's response to communities that are adversely impacted by the closure of significant downsizing of a plant or industry located in the community; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1716. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop an action plan to restore the Salton Sea in California and to conduct wildlife resource studies of the Salton Sea, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a project to restore the Salton Sea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1717. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to strengthen the naturalization process; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 1718. A bill to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to authorize the acquisition of additional acreage for the historic site to permit the development of visitor and administrative facilities and to authorize the appropriation of additional amounts for the acquisition of real and personal property; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. BURNS):

S. 1719. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to exchange land and other assets with Big Sky Lumber Co; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. KOHL):

S. 1720. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to reform the copyright law with respect to satellite retransmissions of broadcast signals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.